



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): Richard CARTLEDGE et al.
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Examiner: Thomas SWEET
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Docket No.: 28099-0005
Customer No.: 24633

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2007, the period for reply being extended by the Petition for One-Month Extension of Time appended hereto, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicants submit that the present application now stands in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the following amendment and remarks.